

"Ashland Grows While Lithia Flows"
City of Sunshine and Flowers

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San Franciscans Proclaim Park Most Beautiful on Coast

"By George, Bill, this is the prettiest place we have struck on the coast." Just a chance remark of one of the San Francisco business men who were visitors in Ashland for several hours last Saturday. And just an indication of the many, many nice things which the visitors said about Ashland. "Grandest park on the coast," "Simply wonderful," "And to think it is only two years old and all built and owned by the city," "Wish we had this down in the city," "Nothing on the whole trip like this." The San Franciscans simply revelled in the beauties of the city and the park. The manager of the excursion almost wept on Secretary of the Commercial Club Frank Shinn's shoulder because he had not arranged to spend most of a day instead of only four hours in Ashland.

Whether the cool shade of Lithia park, its myriad of beauties, the lithia water, the Glenview drive and Lithia drive, the sulphur plunges or the roses and peaches made the greatest hit, is only a matter of conjecture, but the grand ensemble swept the Californians off their feet and sent them away from Ashland proclaiming it the jewel city of Oregon.

The fifteen or twenty public-spirited automobile owners who offered their machines to bring the visitors

over the Pacific Highway from Medford to Ashland found them almost melted by the heat, which was intense in the lower valley. The half-hour ride over the paved highway to Ashland cooled off the visitors, but not until they had felt the cool breezes across Glenview drive did they begin to realize that Ashland is about ten degrees cooler than the lower valley. Upon arrival at Lithia park the Californians were asked to walk down from the auto camp to the lithia fountains and the waterfalls, shade, flowers, sulphur cave and dozens of other attractions encountered captivated them. After gallons of lithia water had been consumed, the visitors dispersed to visit the business houses of the city, after which nearly all enjoyed a plunge in the cool waters of the Natatorium and Helman's baths.

The ladies of the Civic Improvement Club loaded down the special train in which the Bay City men traveled with baskets of Ashland roses and boxes of great juicy peaches. The San Franciscans stated that they had not encountered a more hearty welcome anywhere on the trip although everywhere they had been royally welcomed. Many of the visitors will be back again to make a longer stay in Ashland.

Land Grant Tax Problem Worries

Whether or not the Oregon-California grant lands should be placed upon the county tax rolls this year is causing not a little discussion by county officials and the newspapers of the grant lands in Oregon.

Ex-Governor West is making a tour of the state at present explaining the land loan and other acts and acting as a government agent in the grant lands matter. He advises that the lands be left off the rolls, stating that the government will pay the back taxes, and expressing his belief that the right to tax the lands in case they do not become government lands, will remain with the counties.

A formal request from the department of the interior to the grant land counties of Oregon was embodied in a letter which was sent to the assessors of the various counties, asking that the lands be left off the tax rolls. The letter follows:

"Dear Sir:—I am directed by the honorable commissioner of the general land office to call your attention to the act of congress approved June 9, 1916, which provides:

"That the title to so much of the lands granted by the act of July 25, 1866, entitled, 'An act granting lands to aid in the construction of a railroad and telegraph line from the Central Pacific Railroad in California to Portland, in Oregon,' as amended by the acts of 1868 and 1869, for which patents have been issued by the United States, or for which the grantee is entitled to receive patents under said grant, and to so much of the lands granted by the act of May 4, 1870, entitled, 'An act granting lands to aid in the construction of a railroad and telegraph line in the state of Oregon,' for which patents have been issued by the United States, or for which the grantee is entitled to receive patents under said grant, as had not been sold by the Oregon and California Railroad company prior to July 1, 1913, be, and the same is hereby, reverted in the United States. Provided, that the provisions of this act shall not apply to the right-of-way, to the extent of 100 feet in width on each side of the railroad and all lands in actual use by said railroad company on December 9, 1915, for depots, side tracks, wood yards and standing grounds."

"The title to these lands having been by the said act reverted in the United States, they are no longer subject to taxation and should not be placed upon the assessment rolls which are now being prepared by you.

"I would therefore request that you kindly see that the lands covered by the said act of June 9, 1916, are now and hereafter omitted from the assessment rolls of your county. By so doing you will avoid presenting complications which will surely prevent the early payment of the taxes, now due your county, in accordance with the provisions of the statute.

"Yours respectfully,
"LOUIS L. SHARP,
"Chief of Field Division."

Roseburg Asks Bids for Railroad

After many long months of hard fighting, re-adjusting, re-voting, and the usual amount of legal procedure, the city of Roseburg on last Friday asked for bids for the construction of the Roseburg & Eastern railroad.

The bids will be opened by the city council on September 6, and the contract awarded if a satisfactory bid is found, later that week.

Phone news items to the Tidings.

Sane Fourth Movement Pays

Results of the campaign that has been waged for years for a sane Fourth of July are shown in figures made public at Chicago Thursday by the American Medical association, which for 14 years has taken a poll of every state and city in the country of importance as to Fourth of July casualties.

Not one case of tetanus was reported in the entire country in 1916 and not one person was blinded by gunpowder, according to the association's statement. Only 30 deaths took place, as compared with 466 in 1903, the first year complete figures were obtained.

Holmes and Ewer Purchase Grocery

The East Side grocery located at the corner of Iowa street and the Boulevard and which has been conducted for the past two years by V. A. Stewart, was sold recently to Wilbur E. Holmes and Howard E. Ewer who took charge Tuesday.

Mr. Stewart expects to go to Alaska and may locate at Seward. He was employed with a man now prominently identified with the government railroad which will have its terminal at Seward. In the early days of the Panama canal construction work.

The new owners are both well known in Ashland. Mr. Holmes was for many years a partner with H. P. Holmes in Holmes Bros. grocery, and sold out a few months ago. Mr. Ewer is one of the most popular young men of the city and has had a number of years' experience in the grocery business.

Coast to Coast With Pushcart

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Personett left Ashland this morning after a stay of five days at the Ashland auto camp, which they proclaim to be the prettiest stopping place they have yet encountered. They stayed over yesterday in order to make the trip to the summit of Mt. Ashland with the crowd which accomplished the ascent yesterday. The travelers are on the first lap of a trip which will eventually take them to the capital of every state in the Union. They push a lightly built cart which carries their baggage and is so very easy to push. They started out from Salem in July and expect to be gone about five years on the trip. They sell postcards of themselves and outfit, and Mr. Personett works at his trade of vulcanizer. They started out without a cent and are making their own way. The stop in Ashland and the trip up Mt. Ashland was greatly enjoyed, and Mrs. Personett said, "We will sure be good boosters for the Ashland park and auto camp."

Weatherford In Ashland Sunday

Mark Weatherford, democratic and prohibition candidate for congress from this district, was in the city Saturday, accompanied by Judge W. H. Canon, land office official from Roseburg, and Sid I. Brown, chairman of the democratic central committee. Mr. Weatherford is making a personal visit to every little community in the valley and will speak in the larger cities, including Ashland, later in the campaign. While here he conferred with prominent democrats and laid plans for the campaign in this district. He is in town again today.

Burning Dishtowel Calls Fire Truck

Fire, fire, fire, the dishtowel is burning! An alarm was turned in yesterday afternoon from a residence on North Main street. The fire truck made a fast run out to the end of the pavement and back several times, but no one showed up to flag it. No smoke rolled forth, no roar of flames, no shrieking damsels waiting to be rescued. Finally Fireman Harley Holmes did a little detective work and from a young lady calmly embroidering on her front porch (embroidering a handkerchief, not the front porch—she was sitting on that) received the following reply: "Oh, yes, we turned in an alarm. A dishtowel caught fire, but it is all out now." The fire department and the crowd which had gathered left in a daze.

Elks Picnic Date Is Postponed

The Elks have postponed their picnic, which it was announced would be held on September 1, to a later date, which will be made public later. So many of the antlered herd are out in the mountains at present that it was thought advisable to wait a few days before holding the picnic.

Signs Proclaim Austin Good Hotel

The Hotel Austin now flaunts a blue sign which proclaims to the world that the hotel is up to the standard of excellence demanded by the Auto Blue Book organization and is the official Blue Book hotel.

Besides this sign the Austin also has the official black-and-white sign of the American Trail Blazing association which marks a "good" hotel. Both of the signs are hung from posts in front of the building and no tourist can pass over the Pacific highway without seeing the signs. Already the difference in the number of automobilists who stop for meals is becoming quite noticeable.

Make Progress on Fish Lake Ditch

A ditch to carry water from Four Mile lake to Fish lake is being constructed by the Rogue River Valley Canal company and good progress is reported by campers returning from that section.

The ditch is to be seven miles long and is being dug to get more water into Fish lake. A dam is being erected in Four Mile creek to back up the water in Four Mile lake, from where it will be run in the new ditch to Fish lake, 1000 feet lower.

Fish lake is the source of Medford's water supply. The water runs from the lake down Butte creek for about 14 miles, and then is diverted in pipes to Medford.

Water from Butte creek also is used by the Rogue River Valley Canal company for irrigation purposes. Forty men are employed by this company in the work now being done. All supplies for the work go in by way of Klamath Falls.

Briton Busts Gun Over German Head

The English and the Germans clashed in a heavy engagement just east of Ashland Friday. Chair Doctor Stanley, English to the core, and Chris Gruger, whose very name proclaims his nationality, were good friends up to last Friday. They were enjoying a little visit at Gruger's place east of town when unluckily the subject of the present unpleasantness in Europe came up. Chris stood up for the Germans and Stanley defended the allies nobly in a wordy war. Finally Gruger decided to change his mode of attack, no doubt finding himself routed by the fusillade of his English opponent. Gruger grabbed a shotgun and started for Stanley. The English forces decided upon a masterful retreat and did so several times around the house. Finally, with characteristic bulldoggedness, the English forces made a determined stand and, capturing the German artillery, broke the stock of the artillery over the head of the German army. The German army became hors de combat. The English marched to the chief of police office in Ashland and offered to give himself up. Acting Chief Wimer, who is neutral, went out in the capacity of arbitration board and red cross nurse and found the German army badly battered but alive and kicking. Inasmuch as the battle occurred outside the city limits, no arrests were in order by the Ashland police. The English force having got the best of the encounter, did not wish to invoke international law, and the German force, having started the war with his artillery, could not. Hence the war is over as far as Ashland is concerned. Both the combatants are recuperating from many minor wounds.

Odd Fellows' Picnic Will Be Monster

Ashland Lodge No. 45, I. O. O. F., are sending special invitations to every lodge in southern Oregon and inserting advertisements in the papers of the valley inviting all Odd Fellows to attend the Odd Fellows' picnic in Ashland's Lithia park on Tuesday, September 5. All lodge members, their families and visitors are invited, and a great big day full of enjoyment is promised. An entertaining program is being prepared, a short business session will be held, and a big picnic dinner. Everybody is to bring their own basket lunch. The Ashland lodge will furnish free coffee, sugar and cream. (An effort is being made to secure low railroad rates and the greatest picnic of them all is the aim of the Odd Fellows.

Get High Line Ready for Winter

The C.-O. P. Co. are making general repairs on their line between Fall Creek and Ashland. Everything is being done to avoid winter interruptions. There are a number of long spans on this line. The longest stretch is over Jenny Creek canyon, 1,500 feet between towers, and the center of the line is about 750 feet from the ground.

Phone job orders to the Tidings.

Big Crowd Climbs Mount Ashland Motorcycle Makes Summit

About two hundred men, women and children climbed Mt. Ashland yesterday and provided action for some motion pictures taken at the summit and along the trail. One of the unique features of the trip was the successful attempt of Sam Jordan and Elmer Morrison to take an Indian motorcycle to the very tiptop.

A number of small parties left Ashland Saturday evening and spent the night camped on the mountain, the main contingent going up Sunday morning and arriving at the top about noon. Movie Man Hull succeeded in obtaining some excellent pictures, as did also the official photographer of the Southern Pacific railroad, who accompanied the party. Because of the fact of their early arrival, many left the snowbanks at the summit before the main crowd arrived. Everybody joined in a jolly good time. Coffee was served at the camp at the end of the road, where the dozen or so cars and four motorcycles were left.

The day was perfect for picture-taking, but along toward evening a

thunderstorm came up and caught most of the party at Long's cabin. The road was turned into a river in a few minutes, but the rain was of short duration and merely added another exciting incident to a trip which was full of interest.

About half of the party were women and many out-of-town people were included. The excursion to the summit proves very fully that Mt. Ashland is an easy one-day trip for anyone when the trip to the end of the road is made by automobile. The road was in fairly good shape and none of the cars experienced any serious difficulty.

The pictures secured will be invaluable in advertising one of the most enjoyable of the scores of interesting side trips which may be made from Ashland. The movies will be shown at a local theatre at a not far distant date before starting out on their advertising mission. The pictures secured by the Southern Pacific photographer will be used in magazine articles and advertising matter put out by the road.

HELP WANTED

News print, the paper upon which newspapers are printed, has more than doubled in price during the past six months. We assume that German soldiers are being fed on paper wads—at least somehow the paper mills say the demand has been greatly increased and paper is scarce—and thereby hangs a tale. Unless subscribers pay up the country newspaper is a goner. The Tidings is mighty sick right now. Something has to be done and that quickly. A new batch of paper is on the way and it takes \$600.00 to get it. Who will be the first to pay up his subscription? Please respond. This is a real S. O. S. call.

Sends Coos Bay Congratulations

Coos Bay entertained 10,000 people royally during their jubilee last week, which celebrated the completion of the Willamette-Pacific railroad. Everyone who attended the celebration brings back glowing reports of fine entertainment and a wonderful country.

The Ashland Commercial Club sent the following telegram to the Marshfield Chamber of Commerce: Marshfield, Ore.:

In behalf of the citizens of Ashland, we extend our best wishes for a most successful celebration and congratulate your people upon the completion of the Willamette-Pacific railroad which connects you with the outside world and starts a new era in the development of your already prosperous section, and we trust your highest expectations may be fully realized.

ASHLAND COMMERCIAL CLUB.

Trail Markers Paint the Way

The big white and black "R" and "L" at each turn of the Pacific highway through Ashland which direct the auto tourist in the way which is the right way, are the work of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Tomlin of the American Trail Blazing association, who were here early last week en route to the Mexican border, blazing the trail of the Pacific highway with black and white paint as they went.

The trail markers stayed over most of a day here and were greatly charmed with the park and the beauties of the city. They proclaimed the Hotel Austin to be the equal of the best of the tourist hotels along the line and put the sign of their approval in the shape of the official sign of the trail markers in front of the hotel.

Mr. Tomlin is marking what is known as the black trail, extending from Seattle to the Mexican border; the red trail, from Seattle to Boston, through the Glacier national park, and the Yellowstone trail, extending from Seattle to New York via the Yellowstone national park.

The trails are being plainly marked and tourists unacquainted with the country cannot help but travel the right road in the event they follow the instructions. The large "R", a number of which will be found in Ashland, means turn to the right, while the letter "L" means turn to the left.

Three straight lines, one black and two white, invite the traveler to proceed straight ahead. The black circle denotes the official garage of the association.

The black square, with a white center has been adopted by the association in distinguishing the official hotel of this organization.

Mr. and Mrs. Tomlin are traveling in a big touring car and are carrying a complete outfit. They expect to reach San Francisco some time next week.

Woodmen Picnic Jolly Affair

There was a big crowd, just how many it would be difficult to say, but practically every lodge in the valley was represented. Woodmen and Women of Woodcraft from Grants Pass, Talent, Phoenix, Medford and the majority of the membership of the local lodge were present. The Tidings reporter arrived on the scene of hilarity just as a wagon load of watermelons furnished by the Woodmen were being demolished. Between bites of juicy red melon the names of those present were gained.

If any were missed, and no doubt some were, blame it on the watermelon. For jollity, none of the picnics held this year have exceeded the Woodmen's. It was one big, good time with everybody pitching in to help the merry fun along.

After the luncheon had been disposed of and the last watermelon done away with, a program of short talks followed. Rev. P. K. Hammond delivered the address of welcome in a happy manner. N. W. Borden of Medford responded. Dr. Malmgren of Phoenix, Mrs. J. D. Crocker, J. F. Rocho and a number of others, both Ashlanders and from other valley towns, spoke briefly.

The names gleaned were as follows:

Mrs. Robert A. N. Reymers, Mrs. J. D. Stinebaugh, Mrs. J. H. Ahlf, and Mrs. J. L. Calvert, all prominent officers of the Azalea Circle 182 of Grants Pass.

Mr. and Mrs. B. N. French, Miss Annie French, Edward French, Miss Beatrice Henry of Phoenix.

Mrs. Maggie Armstrong and daughters, Viola and Ella, of Talent.

Mrs. I. C. Zent of Stockton, who is visiting the J. F. Cole family.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Sorrels, Dr. and Mrs. T. J. Malmgren of Phoenix.

N. W. Borden and party of Medford.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Wick, Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Butler, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Kinney, Mr. and Mrs. Emil Pell, Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Swedenburg and children, Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Good, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Hicks, Dorothy and Thelma Wolford, Mr. and Mrs. C. Van Buskirk, Lucile and Leon Van Buskirk, Mrs. Ida Perry, Mrs. Frank Yarbrough, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Lane, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Roberts, Mrs. C. A. Swanson and family, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Cole, Rev. P. K. Hammond, Mr. and Mrs. N. L. High and family, Mr. and Mrs. Z. L. Reynolds and family, Mrs. F. N. Snyder, Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Shearer, John M. Dodge, L. A. Roberts and family, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Rocho, Mrs. G. H. Ketchum, E. E. Phipps and family, Mrs. J. D. Crocker, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Casebeer, Mr. and Mrs. L. Dart, Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Diebert and Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Farlow.

Valley People Tax Jitney Cars

All of the regular jitneys and several added specially for Sunday were taxed to capacity yesterday with the crowds of valley people who were driven out of the level valley by the heat and spent the day in Ashland park. Probably a thousand people from Medford and other valley towns were up Sunday. Picnic parties were numerous. The natatoriums did a great business yesterday, being alive with splashing bathers from morning until late in the evening.

Auto Camp Full Again Yesterday

The auto camp was filled to capacity again yesterday, there being fifty cars parked in and around the camp at the noon hour. Many of the cars were from down the valley and brought picnic parties, but the majority were from out of the state. California license plates were greatly in the majority.